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Quay Must Retire.

Special to The Telegraph:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 3 p. m.—The United States Senate committee of privilege and elections have just reported adversely to the resolution to seat Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, and the same was confirmed by a vote of forty to thirty-eight. So it is hoped we shall hear no more of Senator Quay.

Good News from Philippine Islands.

Special to THE TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The government war department has just received a dispatch from Manila that Colonel Hare had, with his forces, captured and released all the American prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, including Lieutenant Gilmore of the war ship Yorktown, who was captured several months ago with a number of his men.

Dixon Box Factory.

The Dixon Box Factory is now advantageously located in the building formerly occupied as the Brink & Deeter planing mill. This building has been remodeled and divided into comfortable, well lighted and convenient working rooms.

The large shoe factories of our city created a demand for paper and wooden boxes in which to pack and ship goods, and this demand Mr. George H. Squires was quick to see and take advantage of. This manufacturing enterprise has prospered in Mr. Squires' hands until his factory now has a capacity of from five to six thousand boxes daily. Twenty-five men and girls are in the institution and special machines are used in each process of the work. The pasteboard is trimmed, cut, creased and folded; the corners are joined and the outer wrappers and labels pasted on with neatness and great rapidity. The lumber for the wooden packing boxes is cut to size before it is shipped here, so that it is only necessary to fit the pieces together and nail them in place.

The demand of the Dixon shoe factories is sufficient to keep the box factory busy, yet Mr. Squires finds quite a market for his product in other places.

Whiteside Girl Kills Herself.

Mrs. Minnie McWhorter, who died at Moline on Monday, was found, by the coroners jury to have killed herself by taking crocodine, an acronarcotic poison of virulent character. She was a daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Hodgeboom of Denrock, was twenty-seven years of age and leaves a daughter three years old. She eloped with a barber while attending school at Keokuk and her husband is said to have treated her badly and deserted her. He now lives at Carthage, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgeboom took charge of the remains and will take care of the little daughter. The unfortunate young woman was working in C. W. Phares' boarding house in Moline and had been in poor health for some time before taking the fatal dose.

Warming Up.

The political pot is boiling furiously all along the north tier of counties in this congressional district. There was a sort of peace conference at Rockford in which Works, candidate for Attorney General; Aspinwall, who desires to be state treasurer, and Editor Cowley, of the Freeport Journal, who will probably be a candidate for member of the Board of Equalization against Sterling of the Rockford Register-Gazette, exchanged opinions, but the result is not published.

Just Chickenpox.

At the meeting of the Rock River Institute of Homeopathy in Clinton Tuesday, Dr. Blackman of this city gave an interesting report of the epidemic which has afflicted our city, and from which we are now recovering. He exhibited several photos of cases taken during the height of the eruption. He believes that it was chickenpox and noted the fact that there was no fatalities and no pitting.

For Stealing Brasses.

Herman Kinney and Henry Cramer were arrested and taken before Justice R. H. Scott last evening charged with stealing brasses from the Central Union Telephone Company. On the charge of petit larceny they were held to the grand jury under bonds of \$150 each, and were placed in jail.

Death of Abram Brown.

This morning at half-past five o'clock January 5, 1900, Abram Brown, one of the early settlers of Lee county, died at his home in South Dixon, in the 84st year of his age. He had been in ill health for several years, but had been confined to his bed but about two weeks.

Mr. Brown was born November 17, 1816, in the Canadian village of Temperanceville, nine miles east of St. Thomas, to which place his parents had emigrated from the state of New York. In 1837 Mr. Brown came to Illinois, arriving in Grand Detour September 21, 1837. Here he became a pioneer merchant and was appointed postmaster of the village by President Van Buren, retaining that position until he removed to Dixon five years later.

In Dixon in 1842 he entered the blacksmith business, but retired on his appointment to the postmaster-ship here, a position he held for three years under Presidents Tyler and Polk until ill health induced his resignation, when he moved to Franklin Grove and commenced farming. There was instrumental in establish the first post-office and became its postmaster.

Having sold his farm in Franklin Grove, on July 3, 1849 he removed to the place in South Dixon which he has ever since occupied, following the business of farming. He was six times elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, and has held the offices and honorably discharged the duties of Highway Commissioner, School Trustee and School Director. He also for a number of years served his township and county as an efficient member of the Board of Supervisors. He was a man of extensive reading and much thought, possessing a fine library of which he made good use, he was not however an exclusive student of books, but the realm of Nature opened to him the most interesting chapters, especially in the department of sociology and all that pertained to human development. Strictly temperate in his habits, and living in accord with nature's laws has enabled Mr. Brown to largely overcome his early physical disabilities and live to a good old age, and his death was occasioned not by disease, but from the natural decay attendant upon advanced life.

Mr. Brown was married on May 14, 1844, at Franklin Grove, to Miss Cornelia Whitney, a daughter of Col. Nathan Whitney, who with a family of two sons and three daughters survive him.

Funeral services at the house Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. Burial at Oakwood cemetery, this city. Rev. T. F. Dornblaser will officiate.

The children are: Henry A. and George M., Mrs. Mary and Misses Olga and Jennie. They are all at home except George, who is in Arkansas.

The funeral services will be held at the house at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the burial will be in Oakwood cemetery, this city.

A Lecture at St. Luke's Church.

The course of informal lectures on the life of Christ being delivered at St. Lukes church will be resumed tonight when the Rev. John C. Sage will speak on the "Boyhood of Christ." His talk will be illustrated by fifty stereopticon views. All those interested are invited to be present. The children of the parish are admitted free but in order to defray the necessary expenses a small fee will be received at the door.

An Old Settler of Amboy D. ad.

Died Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, of paralysis, one of Amboy's oldest and most highly respected citizens, Jackson Maine, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warren Fessenden. The deceased was about 85 years of age, and while in his time a very active man, has for many years been incapacitated for business on account of advanced age. He leaves one son and eight daughters all married. The funeral will be from the Baptist church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

A Savage Dog.

When Mrs. Jacob Brubaker went on to the rear porch of her home at Bluff Park this morning a large bulldog that was in the yard growled and ran at her, making the five steps to the porch in a bound. Mrs. Brubaker fell as she hurried thru the door, but was able to close the door before the savage brute reached it. Such a beast should not be allowed to run at large.

—The at-home cards of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Robert Wilson state that they will receive their friends after Jan. 15 at 311 East Third street.

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10c Size White Cloud Floating Soap only.....	5c
Pint Bottles Choice Tomato Catsup only.....	7c
2 Packages 5c size Washing Powder only.....	5c

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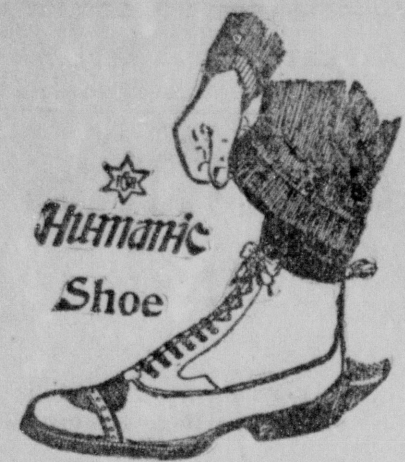
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—Squire Johnson has gone to his
farm at Compton.

—Dr. Wilcox has sold his Drug Store
in Amboy to Mr. Wohnke.

—Mrs. Myra Dement is out from
Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs.
W. A. Schuler.

—Dr. White of West Brooklyn was
appointed postmaster of that village
on the first of this year in place of C. C.
Rosa.

—Fred Husey has resigned his
position in the First National Bank at
Amboy, and Harry Badger will take
his place.

—Miss Bessie Todd, who has been
spending her holiday vacation at home,
returned to her school at Lake Forest
yesterday.

—Harry McGinnis has another wild
goose to his credit, shot down the river,
and last night John T. Lawrence,
jr., shot three.

—On New Years Day Miss Flora
Betfield and Mr. W. H. Tiekham, both
of Lee Center township were united in
marriage at the home of the bride in
East Inlet, by Rev. Alex. Simpson.

—A marriage license has been granted
at our county clerk's office to Carl
Fay of Minneapolis, and Miss Marie
Hayden of Nicholson, Larom county,
North Dakota. Their ages are 24 and
23.

—A newspaper in this city stated
last night that Frank Ryan had been
released from jail. Frank wishes us to
correct this. He was never in jail and
hopes never to be. It was Michael
Ryan.

—Nearly 100 fourth class postoffices
have been abolished, and about 600 oth-
ers will be wiped out in the next few
months, thru the extension of the rural
postal delivery system. This is a good
thing for the people, but not so good
for the cross-roads politicians.

—The Dixon Dairymen's Association
will meet in the hall in the Appleford
building tomorrow, Saturday, after-
noon. Stewart Wilson of Palmyra, in
connection with his discussion of the
subject of the most profitable way of
feeding corn fodder, will give a thoro
explanation of Hon. T. A. Galt's new
corn food, a sample of which he will
have on exhibition at the meeting.

RURAL MAIL ROUTE.

That Thru Palmyra a Success—Decem-
ber Work—Letter From Mitt.

Following is the record for the month
of December 1899 of mail handled by
Marcus Hansen in the rural route thru
Palmyra:

DELIVERED.
Registered Letters and Parcels, 2.
Ordinary Letters, 1,461.
Postal Cards, 414.
Newspapers and Circulars, 5,363.
Packages, 168.
Total Delivered, 4,408.
COLLECTED.
Letters, 794.
Postal Cards, 221.
Newspapers and Circulars, 48.
Packages, 44.
Total Collected, 1,107.
Total number of pieces delivered and
Collected, 8,515.
This letter explains itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31, 1899.
FRED LAWTON, Esq., Dixon, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I have yours of the 28th
giving such agreeable news of the
steady gain in effective service on the
Palmyra rural delivery route, which is
very gratifying, as confirming what I
argued to the department in securing
the route, and I shall do all I can to
have an increased appropriation for
this service in the forthcoming post
office appropriation bill.

Very truly yours,
R. R. HITT.

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done by Judge Farrand.

On petition of widow, William Healy
is appointed administrator under ap-
proved bonds of \$2000 of estate of Pat-
rick Herbert, deceased. Appraisalment
issued and claim day fixed.

Claims allowed in estate of Ben. F.
Atherton, deceased; S. T. Armstrong,
\$12.80; O. N. Huldebrand \$2.25; W. H.
Plant \$7.50; Louise Thurl \$8; W. J.
Valentine \$4.50; S. C. Pulver \$179.72.

Claims were allowed against the E.
M. Bunnell estate.

Fletcher Seavey appointed guardian
of heirs of Edgar L. Eastwood, de-
ceased.

Inventory approved in estate of Eliza
Kettley, deceased.

John W. Hettler and Sophia C. Het-
tler being of full age guardian is dis-
charged and estate settled.

Claims against the estate of James
Harrahan, deceased, allowed.

I. Frank Edwards.

County Superintendent of Schools, I.
Frank Edwards, has purchased thru
the agency of Johnson & Avery, the
Hagenbaugh residence on North Hen-
nepin avenue facing Oak Park, for
\$3,350. Prof. Edwards and family will
be made very welcome to Dixon.

RIGHTS OF MORMONS

Effect of Polygamous Relations
on Their Ambitions as
Politicians.

ON TEST BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Senator Rawlins Takes a Hand in the Dis-
cussion Before the Taylor Inquisition—
Aldrich Begins the Financial Debate—
Beveridge to Speak on the Philippine
Question—Resolution That Expresses
the Republican Sentimental Idea.

Washington, Jan. 5.—There was a
diversion at the hearing in the case of
Roberts of Utah yesterday afternoon,
when Senator Rawlins, of Utah, was
drawn into a discussion of polygamy.
Schroeder, the Utah man who is prosecut-
ing the case, had continued his
argument when Rawlins interrupted to
correct a congressional committee relative
to polygamy. Chairman Taylor
thereupon asked Rawlins, who was
once a delegate from Utah, if it was
not understood at the time the state
was admitted that polygamy was at
an end. "It was my understanding,"
said Rawlins, "that the solemnization
of polygamous marriages was inter-
dicted by the Mormon church, and
that this would have a salutary effect
in terminating the practice. But I did
not hold out to congress that family
relations already established would be
broken up."

Put a Hypothetical Question.
Taylor asked if it was expected that
the law against polygamy would be
violated. Rawlins answered that it
was thought there might be sporadic
cases, but as a general system polyga-
mous relations would gradually termi-
nate.

"Do you think," continued Taylor,
"that Utah would have been admitted
if it had understood that in a few
years Utah would send to congress a
man maintaining polygamous rela-
tions?" Rawlins said he did not think
congress believed the practice of poly-
gamy would be continued. The course
of events in recent years had clearly
shown that the practice would end in
time.

Statement Rawlins Does Not Recall.
"Did you not believe and state at the
time," asked Taylor, "that the polyga-
mous system was dead and buried?"
Rawlins did not recall such state-
ments. Taylor read from the speeches
of Rawlins of those days to the effect
that while polygamy had once existed
the world was progressing, and that
the discussion was becoming "ancient
history."

Roberts here asked to put a question
to Senator Rawlins, and asked: "I
will ask the senator if he thinks con-
gress understood at the time Utah was
admitted that the president of the
United States would appoint to federal
offices in the state of Utah men prac-
ticing polygamy?"

Reply That Does Not Answer.
There was some question as to
whether Rawlins should answer the
question. He finally proceeded, saying
that for years polygamy had prevailed
in Utah. Under it many people had
established strong conjugal relations
and ties. But the proclamation of the
Mormon church forbidding further
polygamous marriages had given gen-
eral satisfaction, and it was common-
ly accepted that the practice would
come to an end.

Schroeder then concluded his argu-
ment, which related mainly to the his-
torical aspect of polygamy and the
law in the case, and Mrs. J. Ellen Fos-
ter addressed the committee in behalf
of the great number of women inter-
ested in the case, and who were not
represented before the committee. She
spoke vigorously, dealing with the Rob-
erts case and the general moral inter-
ests it involved.

FINANCIAL DEBATE OPENS.

Senate Begins the Discussion of the Gold
Standard Bill—House Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In accordance
with the notice previously given by
him Aldrich yesterday opened the dis-
cussion of the financial bill in the sen-
ate with a speech in explanation of the
senate substitute for the house bill. The
speech was read from manuscript. It
was delivered in a clear and distinct
language, but without any effort at
oratory. Senators present gave him
careful attention, but no one inter-
rupted him, with questions or other-
wise, during the delivery, nor did any
one manifest a disposition to reply af-
ter he had concluded. After Aldrich
concluded the senate adjourned over
until Monday.

The Pettigrew resolution concern-
ing the Philippine war went over until
Monday, when it is understood some
senators will be asked to be heard on
the general Philippine question. Bever-
idge also gave notice of a speech for
Tuesday on the Philippine question.
Prefacing his notice with a resolution
declaring his own position on the sub-
ject. It is known that Beveridge's
resolution was written by the senator
in consultation with Lodge, chairman
of the Philippine committee; Davis,
chairman of the foreign relations com-
mittee, and Allison, chairman of the
committee on appropriations, the last
named finally revising it to the form
in which it was introduced. It is un-
derstood that the resolution is a com-
posite expression of the views of the
Republican senators.

Brief explanation of his attitude
upon the contest of Quay for a seat in
the senate was made by Hoar. He said
he had received numerous letters urg-
ing him not to vote for the seating of
Quay upon the appointment of the gov-
ernor of Pennsylvania, on the ground
of charges against the personal char-
acter of Quay. Hoar referred to the
fact that he had frequently investi-
gated the subject of the right of a gov-
ernor to fill a vacancy, and to the
numerous speeches and reports he had
made in support of the theory. It was
not to be expected that senators sit-
ting here as judges could change their
convictions on great public questions
upon such appeals. Such requests he
considered in the nature of appeals to
him to stuff a ballot box and make
false returns simply because the peti-
tioner thinks some one else should be
appointed. He hoped his explanation

would be a sufficient reply to the writ-
ers of the letters.

Senate and House in Brief.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate be-
gan the discussion of the financial bill
yesterday. Aldrich speaking for the
measure. Beveridge presented a resolu-
tion in favor of keeping the Philip-
pines. The president sent in the tes-
timony taken by the commission on
the conduct of the war. A resolution
was passed asking for information on
Secretary Gage's bank deposit action.
Pettigrew offered a resolution calling
for information as to the action of
Dewey at Manila. It went over. A bill
was introduced giving the late Flag
Lieutenant Brumby's mother a pension
of \$50 per month.

The house adopted the Sulzer resolu-
tion calling upon Secretary Gage for in-
formation regarding the deposit of
government funds in certain New
York national banks. The resolution as
adopted was made more general in its
scope. The house adjourned to Mon-
day.

Otis Has 65,000 Soldiers.

Washington, Jan. 5.—With the ar-
rival at Manila of the transport Grant,
which left San Francisco on the 21st
ultimo, with the Forty-third volunteer
infantry (colored), General Otis will
have command of an effective force of
about 65,000 men. The army now in
the Philippines aggregates 62,500 men,
of which 31,000 are regular troops and
31,500 are volunteers. With the ar-
rival of the Grant the entire volun-
teer strength of 34,000 men will be in
the Philippines.

Virginia's View of the Negroes.

Washington, Jan. 5.—H. B. Frissel,
principal of the Hampton, Va., Normal
and Industrial Institute, appeared to-
day. He spoke of the condition of the
colored people and industrial condi-
tions in the south. Although the south
has spent \$100,000,000 on public educa-
tion for negroes one-third of the race
has actually retrograded, one-third is
where it was at the beginning of the
war and the remainder has advanced.

Beveridge's Philippine Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The resolution
introduced in the senate by Beveridge
of Indiana on the Philippine question
is as follows: "That the Philippine is-
lands are territory belonging to the
United States, that it is the intention
of the United States to retain them as
such and to establish and maintain
such governmental control throughout
the archipelago as the situation may
demand."

NEW BAY STATE GOVERNOR.

W. Murray Crane Takes the Chair of the
Chief Executive.

Boston, Jan. 5.—W. Murray Crane
was inaugurated as governor of Mas-
sachusetts yesterday. At the same time



W. MURRAY CRANE.

the other state officers-elect took the
oath of office. Governor Crane's ad-
dress was devoted wholly to matters
of state interest.

Transfer of a Prison Industry.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 5.—The state
board of control held a session at the
state prison at Waupun and decided
to transfer the tailoring department
from the institution to the reformatory
at Green Bay in order to give the
young men of the reformatory a chance
to learn a useful trade. It is the in-
tention to ultimately make the cloth-
ing for the state institution in this
shop. About fifty prisoners have been
employed in it at Waupun, mainly in
making overalls for the market.

Funeral of Major Logan.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 5.—The re-
mains of the late Major John A. Lo-
gan will lie in state in St. John's Epis-
copal church upon their arrival here.
It is expected now that the funeral will
occur about Feb. 5.

Farmers Are Worried Over Wheat.

Willow, Mich., Jan. 5.—Farmers in
this vicinity are greatly worried over
the outlook for winter wheat.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

Earthquakes in Russian Trans-Cau-
casia destroyed thirteen villages, and
800 dead have been found so far.

Ross Raymond, formerly a well-
known journalist, has been sentenced
to the Milwaukee house of correction
for sixty days for vagrancy.

Francis Schnadhorst, who for many
years was the chief organizer and ad-
viser of the British Liberal party, died
at London in his 60th year.

Robert Breck Brigham, proprietor of
Brigham's hotel and restaurant in Bos-
ton, is dead, aged 73.

Lewis Schwartz, 3 years old, was
killed at Chicago by being run over
by a wagon belonging to his father.

The Massachusetts supreme court
has declared the Torrens land act con-
stitutional.

William Harvey, a hoseman who for-
merly lived at Stevens Point, Wis.,
sentenced to one year in the state re-
formatory at Green Bay, Wis., for
stealing buckwheat from York's eleva-
tor at Portage, Wis.

Agnaldo has issued a decree order-
ing the liberation of all Spanish pris-
oners.

Northwestern university, Evanston,
Ill., asks for \$2,000,000 to improve the
institution.

The Wisconsin Central road is build-
ing a hotel at Abbotsford, Wis.

An army order has been issued in
England directing the embodiment of
sixteen additional battalions of militia.

Exports from Berlin to the United
States during the last quarter of 1899
were \$1,678,840.

Kansas City and Cincinnati are ac-
tive contestants for the national Demo-
cratic convention.

LAKE IMPROVES RIVER

Chicagoans Pleased with the Ef-
fect of the Opening of the
Drainage Canal.

HER BLACK DITCH LOOKS BETTER.

Water Therein Can Produce White Foam
for the First Time in Years—Shiloh Com-
mission Selects Designs for Monuments
on That Battlefield—Boy Smothered to
Death in a Wheat Bin—Young Man Kills
Himself for Vain Love.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Any person who
isn't blind can observe the backward
current and the change from black to
blue of the water of the Chicago river.
Both are apparent. At the Wells street
bridge the clearness of the water is re-
marked upon by almost all who pass.
"I've been passing over this river for
twenty years," said an old-timer, look-
ing down from the railing of the Wells
street structure, "and there's something
I've never seen before, and something
I never expected to see." Just then the
tug Harry Lydon, with a barge in tow,
went by, kicking up a trail of swirling
blue water and white foam. "Look at
that water, will you," he went on,
pointing at the tug's trail. "Why, it
looks clear enough to drink."

Depth of Water in the Canal.

Sounding made yesterday showed 5
feet 8 inches of water in the sanitary
canal at Kedzie avenue. Reports from
Lockport show that the first water
reached there about 5 o'clock Wednes-
day night. President Boldenweck de-
clared yesterday that he full volume of
water required by law, 300,000 cubic
feet, will be running down the drain-
age channel within ten days. The san-
itary trustees are negotiating with the
city for the Bridgeport pumping works
to enable them to carry out their agree-
ment with the canal commission by
maintaining the Summit level in the
old canal. The board desires to lease
the plant at a moderate rental.

Gates at Lockport Closed.

The gates of the controlling works at
Lockport were ordered closed as soon
as the water reached the sill, fifteen
feet above the bottom of the channel.
That this should be done was decided
after a heated meeting of the board,
and the order was issued by the en-
gineering committee. The object of the
closing of the gates is to allow the up-
per channel to fill so that the dam at
Campbell avenue can be dredged out.
It is not thought that it will be neces-
sary to keep the gates closed for more
than a week or ten days.

ILLINOIS BATTLE MONUMENTS.

Plans Examined for Those To Be Erected
on Shiloh Field.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 5.—The Shiloh
battlefield commission, created by the
general assembly to select a state
monument and regimental monuments
to mark the positions occupied by Illi-
nois troops in the battle of Shiloh, met
to receive designs for the state monu-
ment. Four sets of plans were con-
sidered, and the commission finally
adopted a resolution referring the mat-
ter to a committee, with instructions
to receive detailed specifications and
certain alterations of the plans of
Architect R. W. Beck, of Chicago,
whose design appeared most favorable.

The commissioners decided upon the
bronze historic tablets to be placed
upon the rear of the regimental monu-
ments, each bearing a suitable dis-
tinguishing inscription. The tablets will
be 22x36 inches. Thirty-seven monu-
ments have been contracted for al-
ready, and five more will be con-
structed for the cavalry regiments.

BOY SMOTHERED TO DEATH.

Drawn into a Wheat Bin While He Was
Hunting Sparrows.

Paris, Ills., Jan. 5.—Charles Hartley,
age 14, son of William Hartley, local
coal dealer of this city, was smothered
to death in fifteen feet of wheat in a
bin at the Kidder mills Wednesday
night. The boy climbed to the top of
the bin on rafters to catch sparrows
roosting there.

A slide was drawn from the bottom
of the bin to permit the passage of the
wheat, and the suction was so great
that it drew the lad beneath the grain.
Life was extinct when the body was
recovered, twenty minutes later.

Advertisement Writers Dine.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Men that write ad-
vertisements in the Lord & Thomas
agency held their annual banquet at
the Grand Pacific hotel. The dinner
was attended by the heads of depart-
ments and solicitors to the number of
twenty-five. The interests of the firm
and the profession were talked over,
with discussions of last year's business
and the outlook for the future. All
took part in the conference following
the talk of D. M. Lord, senior mem-
ber of the firm, and A. L. Thomas, the
junior member. An original poem was
read by C. B. Case, one of the ad-
vertisement writers in the employment
of the house.

Obtains a Change of Venue.

Springfield, Ills., Jan. 5.—L. S.
Bryant, president of the Northwestern
Fire and the Columbia Insurance com-
pany, both of Chicago, filed an affi-
davit in the Sangamon circuit court
that he believed he could not get a fair
trial here, and a change of venue to
McLean county was granted. Two
months ago an injunction was issued
by the Sangamon county circuit court,
upon application of Insurance Superin-
tendent Van Cleave, restraining both
companies from doing business in the
state, it being alleged that such busi-
ness was illegal and not in conformity
with the insurance laws.

Killed Himself for Love.

Earlville, Ills., Jan. 5.—Henry P.
Jorgenson, of Oak Park, killed himself
here yesterday afternoon with a re-
volver. Miss Pearl L. Jack, of 1257
Congress street, Chicago, testified that
she refused to marry him. He was 25
years old and employed by the Bow-
man Dairy company, of Oak Park.
Miss Jack was visiting here, and he
followed.

Minnie Seligman Cutting, the actress,
has begun suit at St. Louis for a di-
vorce from her husband, Robert Cut-
ting, of New York.

PILING UP TESTIMONY.

Nothing But Praise from All Sources.

Stands High in the Estimation of Those
Who Have Tested its Merits.

There is no doubt whatever as to the
merits of Morrow's Kidneys judging
from the good results obtained right
here in Dixon. Morrow's Kidneys
are used daily by many of Dixon's citi-
zens and they all testify without any
hesitancy about the great good they
have received by the use of this great
kidney preparation. Kidneys will
positively cure kidney backache, dizzi-
ness, sleeplessness, nervousness and all
urinary disorders and diseases arising
from a disordered condition of the kid-
neys. Another citizen adds his testi-
mony as follows:

"The Honorable R. A. Higgins, a
citizen of Springfield, Illinois, makes
the following statement in regard to
his wife, who has used Morrow's Kid-
neys. 'My wife has been suffering
from disorders arising from her kidneys
which was caused by a cold. She was
very nervous and could not sleep and
her suffering was something fearful.
We tried different remedies which only
gave temporary relief, until we were
induced by a friend to try Morrow's
Kidneys: which were so highly recom-
mended for cold in the kidneys; we
used the Kidneys exactly as directed
and at present my wife is perfectly
well and no indication of the disease at
all. Morrow's Kidneys we think will
cure kidney disorders and is the best
medicine of the kind we have ever
used.'

Morrow's Kidneys are not pills, but
Yellow Tablets, which is the scientific
form of preparing medicine. They are
put up in wooden boxes which contain
enough for about two weeks' treatment
and sell for fifty cents at all druggists
and D. S. Horton's Drug Store.
A descriptive booklet will be mailed
upon request by John Morrow & Co.,
Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says,
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the sting out of corns and bunions. It's
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new shoes feel easy. It is a certain
cure for sweating, callous and hot,
tired, aching feet. Try it today. Sold
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tried doctors, visited mineral springs,
and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspep-
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what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour
stomach, heartburn and all forms of
dyspepsia. Rowland Bros.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have
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GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourish-
ing and takes the place of coffee. The
more Grain-O you give your children
the more health you distribute through
their systems. Grain-O is made of
pure grains, and when properly pre-
pared tastes like the choice grades of
coffee but costs about 1/2 as much. All
grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

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AYRES & DREW.

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SONS OF VETERANS' FAIR.

The Initial Night a Success—Fortune Telling—Dancing—Fun and Enjoyment in Plenty.

Long before 8 o'clock last evening at the opera house the gallery was packed and all the seats on the lower floor were occupied, so that late comers were forced to stand. The occasion was the opening night of the series of dances and entertainments to be given by the members of Camp 70, Sons of Veterans, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps. The latter organization had charge of the program for last evening and its success will be a drawing card during the rest of the fair. Besides the large number of Relief Corp members present, there was a goodly representation of veterans.

The decorations were very pleasing and lavish enough to conceal the fact that Dixon needs a new opera house. From under the center of the gallery radiated in all directions long lines of bunting which were looped to the walls. All projecting points were trimmed with bunting, as were also the several booths; in fact the national colors were profusely displayed at every turn. At the back of the stage two large flags were draped and smaller ones on standards were scattered about.

In the north-east corner of the gallery a large sign announced a Royal Palmistry Camp, where for a small fee, past, present and future were revealed to curious ones by Prof. E. S. Baker and wife. A rustic fence kept back the crowd and a small gate admitted one at a time to an orientally decorated tent to find out whether "Evelyn" or "Tom" were still faithful, or if "Maud" was really thirty, instead of twenty-three as she claimed.

On the lower floor George Burckhart dealt out pop-corn in a corner booth and between whiles shook the popper.

Next to the pop-corn man the children surrounded the confectionery booth, where a fine display of fresh candies was being thinned out by many purchasers. Perhaps the enterprising sales-ladies had as much to do with the rapid selling of the sweets as did their excellent quality. Mrs. Clinton Senneff had charge of the booth and was ably assisted by Miss Adessa Hughes, and Mesdames Coles, George Smith and Frank Oller.

Mrs. Chas. Eastman sold guesses on the number of seeds in a small pumpkin—as H. U. Bardwell announced, the largest of its size in Lee County. The one who guesses nearest the correct number will receive a handsome picture from the brush of Joseph Rueland. The picture drew first prize last year at the Sterling fair.

A hot contest for a Grand Detour plow is on between Messrs. M. A. Girton of South Dixon and M. A. Crawford of Franklin Grove.

The element of chance always fascinates, so that the "express office" counter was always crowded with purchasers. All packages contained some article of value, but none knew what was in them until they were opened. One lady found a handsome fruit dish in a package, while "Dad" Senneff tried to look happy over a cotton rooster, gaily colored.

C. H. Stackpole had a stand and sold dance tickets in the most approved circus style.

The program was announced by H. U. Bardwell and commenced shortly after 8 o'clock, with the singing of "America" by the assemblage, led by Mrs. Lew Edwards and piano accompaniment by Prof. A. H. Stoddard.

The recitation "Discovered," by Master Denman Clarke, assisted by his sister, Winnifred, was encored and responded to by "A Coquette Vanquished" by Miss Winnifred. These young people always please.

The "Antile Polka" a clarinet solo by A. A. Hopkins, was good of course, Mr. Hopkin's ability as a musician being known.

The recitation by Miss Floyd Cray was enjoyed by all. Miss Cray is a favorite with the public.

"See the Pale Moon" a vocal and clarinet duet by Mrs. Lew Edwards and A. E. Hopkins with piano accompaniment by Prof. A. H. Stoddard, was much appreciated by the audience.

Marion Hennessy recited "The Minuet" and gave the dance in a most graceful manner to piano music.

Prof. Stoddard accompanied the Ladies' Quartet on the piano in the "Greeting to Spring," a selection in which their voices blended beautifully.

The stage was empty for a moment and then Marie Heath was seen bowing and smiling to all and at once captivated her audience. She charmingly explained that thru some mistake she would have to give her song without the usual orchestral accom-

paniment. Then she proceeded to sing "Oh, Ah Want You, Mah Honey, Yes Ah Do," but in an original way of her own which made it seem like a new song. Miss Heath's specialty on the stage is child parts and on the hearty encore of the foregoing, her rendition of "Johnny Jo-ones and His Sister Sue" was pathetic yet laughable. Her vivacity overflowed in her concluding "Two-Dollar" sketch, and when she vanished behind the scenes her auditors vainly wished for another selection.

This closed the program and the orchestra soon was playing for the young folk to "dance dull care away." A number of the old vets prove that they could shake a leg as lively as ever, dancing ceased at midnight.

The program for tomorrow night will be given by pupils of the Riverside school and will consist of calisthenic drill, a Maypole dance, etc. they will be assisted by a mandolin club.

Lee County Circuit Court

The only orders taken in court today are the following:

Henry Green vs Seely Scofield et al. Decree in this case is satisfied in full by agreement between parties in interest.

Lyman Lancaster et al vs W. W. Edson et al. This cause comes on trial upon bill and answer, proofs taken of guardian ad-litem filed, cause heard, and court finds that complainant is entitled to the foreclosure and relief prayed. Decree of foreclosure and sale by agreement of partners, see decree for entries of appearance of defendants, proofs taken and relief prayed for.

The Grand Jury is still in session and will likely finish their work this afternoon and be discharged to-morrow morning. Judge Shaw returned home this afternoon and Judge Crabtree will sit on the bench, tomorrow, discharge the grand jury and adjourn court for the week.

LATER.

Grand Jury returns into Court one indictment and retire to their room to transact further business.

College Notes.

The military department in charge of Prof. J. M. Kaiseley, is in fine condition and makes a good appearance.

The Aurora Literary society will give a good program tonight in chapel hall. The exercises will close with a social, during which prizes will be awarded to the couple making the best appearance in the grand march.

The Vespera Literary Society will give its regular program tomorrow night in chapel. At the close of the program a business meeting will be held to elect contestants for the primary contest.

Prof. L. B. Neighbour's lecture last night in college chapel, on England and Scotland was well attended and is highly spoken of by everybody present. The stereopticon in the hands of Prof. Heritage, worked perfectly and the pictures were fine indeed.

A moot court to be held in college chapel tomorrow morning by the law students, will try the case of L. M. Zugg vs. Benj. F. Swank, the former being indicted for stealing rabbits. Swank's case is in the hands of McCormick & Dodd, while Zugg will be defended by Danks & Spiller. All interested are invited.

Methodist Sunday School Election.

The annual election for Sunday school officers of the Methodist church of this city was held last evening with the following result:

Superintendent—Herbert G. W. Morris.

Assistant Superintends—J. F. Palmer, Miss Callie Morgan and Frank Forsyth.

Secretary—Miss Esther Walgren. Assistant Secretary—Clarene Wilson.

Treasurer—Mahlon Forsyth. Librarian—Leonard Hawkens.

Superintendent of Missionary Society—Miss Emma Judd.

—Carl Fay of Dixon and Marie Olive Hayden of Nicholson, North Dakota, were married yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the parsonage, by Rev. J. G. Finkbeiner pastor of Grace Evangelical church. The groom is an employee at the Henderson shoe factory, and the bride is the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of North Dakota.

Mr. G. P. Briggs of Lee Center was a drummer boy in a New York regiment of infantry during the civil war. When he was discharged the drum he carried in the service became a war relic in some Grand Army and was preserved. Recently he sent for the drum, and it was sent to him by express at Shaw and he again has possession of it. He purposes to put it in shape and use it in the campaign next year. Mr. Briggs is an expert drummer, as all can testify who heard him at the Journal headquarters during old settler's meeting last September. There will be an opportunity to see and hear it next campaign.—Amboy Journal.

Pre-Inventory Remnant Sale

Remnant lots of JACKETS AND CAPES. We have just 47 all told, which go regardless of cost. Remnant lots Ladies' Men's and Children's Underwear which we will clean up at Less Than Manufacturer's Prices. Remnant lot of Ladies' Flannel Silk and Fleece Lined Petticoats. Remnant lot of Ladies' Muffs. Remnant lot of Dress Goods, Outing Flannels, Table Linens, Napkins. Odds and Ends of our Hosiery Stock. Remnant lot of Ladies' Fleece Lined Wrappers. Odds and Ends of our Lace Curtain Stock.

SAVE MONEY BY ATTENDING THIS SALE.

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Our Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes Reduced to \$2.75 and \$3.00.

Owing to the mild weather and late shipments we have a big stock of men's winter weight shoes on hand which must be moved quickly, with a reduced price as an attraction. Men's Black and Tan, double sole Goodyear Welted Shoes, with leather or drill linings, a variety of lasts and all sizes, at \$2.75 and \$3.00, instead of \$3.00 and \$3.50. You can't make a better investment than a pair of these shoes, whether for present or future use. Many of the shoes included in this sale cannot be made today at the prices we are offering them.

The "GOLDEN RULE" Shoe Store,

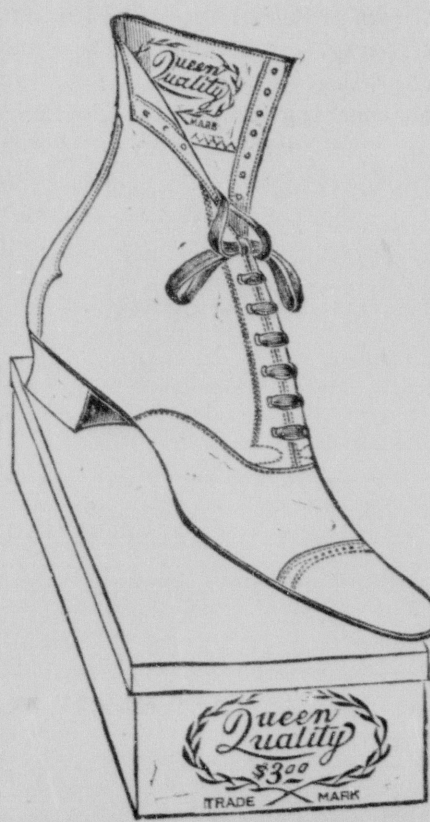
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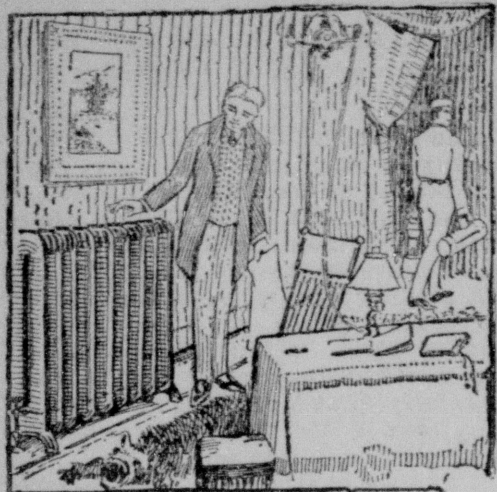
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One of the most attractive of our 30 styles is our "ATHENS" MODEL. A boot that gives the foot a long, shapely appearance, with extra length at the toe. A most comfortable shoe as well as strikingly handsome in its line. Button and Lace. Every style for Street, Dress, House, Outing.

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PROF. NEIGHBOUR LECTURES.

A Delightful Informal Talk Accompanied by Beautiful Pictures.

As was predicted, the college chapel was seated to its fullest capacity last evening and the interested assembly was not disappointed in the fulfillment of its expectations. When it comes to a talk upon literary matters, Prof. L. B. Neighbour is a favorite, both with the students and citizens of Dixon.

Armed with a hundred beautiful and interesting stereoscopic views and fortified by a perfect familiarity with his subject, a good memory, a ready command of beautiful and forceful language and an ever-present vein of humor, Prof. Neighbour kept his audience in a state of expectancy for two hours; yet the passage of time was unnoticed until he bid them farewell.

His lecture was descriptive of a delightful journey by bicycle through those parts of England and Scotland made famous by their picturesque beauty and their literary and historic interest. He described briefly the trip from Dixon to the coast at Philadelphia, with a stop at a few days at the national capital en route, and set one longing for the restful dreamy days of an ocean voyage over a pleasant summer sea.

The audience were soon introduced to the singular beauty of the English lakes which lie embosomed among the mountains of Cumberland county. This region abounds in lakes, in mountain ridges or fells, abrupt rugged mountain passes and waterfalls. Nature has been most fortunate in this locality, not only in the beautiful arrangement of her scenery, but in the beautiful descriptions given by some of her gifted writers. Within a limited space, yet each spot a world in itself, are found the homes of Ruskin, Wordsworth, Southey, Coleridge, Christopher North, De Quincy, Dr. Arnold, Harriet Martineau, Mrs. Hemans and others. Their fine villas, each with an individual name, are scattered among the valleys, along the lake shores, and on prominent eminences. There is scarcely a nook or dell, a country-seat or rural hamlet, a mountain top or a hidden glen, a shady retreat on the shores of the lake, or a moss-covered rock by the woodland stream that has not been made the subject of a poem.

Fully half of the pictures exhibited were kodak views taken by one of the four Dixonites who made the trip, and the professor found amusement in personal anecdote which comes too close home to the writer for repetition, and it would perhaps come outside of the limitations of a lecture report to tell a few on our friend, the Professor.

The scenes in "Burnsland" call to mind the life which gave birth to poems which will never die in the hearts of lovers of humanity. Burns' pictures of social life, of quaint humor, come up to nature; and nothing can go beyond this.

The Trossachs of Scotland is a region of fascinating loveliness. This is the country Sir Walter Scott has filled with romance and described with an artist's master touch. The Lady of the Lake region holds a charm indescribable.

"Here Vennachar in silver flowers, There, ridge on ridge, Benlidi rose; Ever the hollow path twined on."

The region around Stirling castle—the battle ground of Scottish liberty—lies like an open book of history before the observer. The receding highlands of Scotland, the winding links of the Fourth, the fair vale of Menteith, stretch on and on until they fade in the blue distance.

Edinburgh, the Athens of the north, the city of learning, the fostering home of the reformers, the background of the tragic life of the beloved Queen of Scots, is of unending interest with its monuments, its castle, its palace, its libraries and art galleries.

Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter, and Melrose Abbey, the ivy-clad moss-lined ruin which Scott has immortalized, set the heart beating with emotion.

The trip down thru England leads us thru rural scenes of comfort, past cathedrals of beauty and massiveness, by Epworth, the home of Methodism, among the hamlets where our forefathers nurtured hopes and realizations of liberty, and brings us to the metropolis of the world and lands us among the seething millions of London. We will not attempt to mention the multitudinous objects of interest in this great city. Its streets are an inexhaustible food for speculation, they are a mighty wilderness. All English history, law, literature, religion, have met in London, and have radiated from London as from a common center.

Stratford, the birthplace, home and burial place of the world's greatest literary genius, was pictured and described as a closing inspiration to the students of literature.

—The lecture by Rev. Dornblaser at the Lutheran church tonight at 7:30, will be on the thousand years of Bible history preceding the birth of Christ. Immediately after the lecture the choir will meet for rehearsal.

—Mrs. John Smith is in from Nelson.

—George Sturtz and wife of Franklin Grove are in town.

—Edwin Burdick, who has been visiting friends in Sterling for a few days, has returned home.

—Mrs. John S. Weaver of Sterling is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John H. Byers in this city.

—Edmund LeFevre, an old resident of Sterling, died last evening at five o'clock from the effects of old age. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, Feb. 24, 1825; and has resided in Sterling for the past thirty-six years.

—The Presbyterian church is considered very fortunate in having secured the services of Dr. Cryor, who will take charge and preach his initial sermon next Sunday, Jan. 7th. He comes backed by large experience in other fields, having for a number of years filled one of the leading pulpits in Cincinnati and his last charge having been in San Francisco. He is a man of action as well as words, and will be a valuable acquisition to the christian energies of the city. A cordial welcome awaits him.

SALARIES OF OUR PLAYERS.

The Pay of Actors Varies From \$10 to as Much as \$500 Per Week.

Franklin Fyles, writing of "The Theater and Its People" in The Ladies' Home Journal, touches interestingly upon the earnings of actors and corrects the oft repeated reports of the enormous earnings of players. "Salaries vary with circumstances," he says. "The manager may find at \$25 a week a player whose moderate talent exactly fits a part of considerable importance. He may have to pay \$150 if the role is singular and fit candidates scarce. If he wants celebrity in addition to ability, he may be willing to make the salary \$500 a week. In that case he takes into account the public value of the name and makes a feature of it in his advertisements.

"Not more than ten actors in America, aside from the stars, receive as much as \$250 a week, and not more than five actresses are paid this amount. In fact, \$150 a week is exceptional, and \$100 will engage an excellent hero or heroine, a fine comedian or a delineator of eccentric character. The wages run down to \$75 for a sourette, ingenue or old man, to \$50 for an old woman, juvenile man or juvenile woman, and so along to utility and chorus men and women at \$12 or \$18 a week. Those are the wages of thoroughly competent actors in companies of good grade."

Strange Freak of Fate.

Says the Portland Oregonian: "It is the belief of some historians that the name 'Oregon' is Aragon in disguise, that it was given to this country by the early Spanish voyagers and that American explorers so interpreted the word given them by the Indians. The theory is at least plausible and indicates a strange freak of fate. The name Spain proudly brought to this distant coast returned to the West Indies 300 years later to destroy the power of Spain on the seas! Little thought De Fuca when he sighted this coast in 1592 that some day it would build a warship which, under the name of Aragon, or Oregon, would be foremost in the battle that marked the end of Spain's dominion in the new world."

Peculiarity of Snakes.

A snake tamer who had trained a serpent to follow him around the house and even out of doors happened one day to take it with him to a strange place. The snake, unused to the locality, suddenly seemed to forget all his training and, escaping into the bushes, resisted capture with bites and every indication of wildness. When caught, it at once resumed its tame habits. This tendency to become wild immediately upon obtaining their freedom and to again become tame when caught is said to be a peculiarity of snakes.—New York Tribune.

The Probable Reason.

The Clergyman (proudly)—People are loath to leave my church. Why, after services, it is fully 15 minutes before the edifice is emptied!

The Sinner—I don't wonder at that. Some people are very hard to awaken! —Brooklyn Life.

Profitless.

Miss Chicago—Money talks, you know.

Miss Boston—A vulgar apothegm. Culture makes no concession to the language of lucre.—Boston Courier.

It was the custom of the Greeks to offer bees on a silver tray to Apollo in his temple at Delphi. Lord Bacon loved the onion so that he declared the rose would be sweeter planted in a bed of them.

The Byzantine princes played a game which differed very little from our modern polo.

It Looked Suspicious.

"Isn't your neighbor Blinkinoff a drinking man?"

"I wouldn't like to give an expert opinion on the subject. I'll admit, however, that I saw him the other night trying to drive a spigot into an ash barrel, thinking that it was cider." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There is none made so great but he may both need help and service and stand in fear of the power and unkindness even of the meanest of mortals.

Ether was known to the earliest scientists.

SUBURBAN SIFTINGS.

Hints and Happenances in Surrounding Towns and Villages.

LEE CENTER.

Jan. 3.—The Ladies of the Congregational church gave a New Years dinner in the Woodman Hall. The dinner was gotten up in their usual first-class way, and aside from clearing about twenty dollars to pay their pastor, a right royal time was enjoyed by all present.

Tom Smith and wife of Ashton visited at T. G. Richardson's the first of the week.

Mell Briggs was in the grove one day last week cutting wood. He had taken his dinner and to keep it warm he started a fire; then throwing his coat over his dinner basket and went to work and when he returned to the fire his coat and dinner were in ashes. Mell came home a hungrier and colder if not a wiser man.

Will Tinkham and a Miss Bellfield was married on New Years evening. What other great events the year 1900 will bring we can not tell.

M. V. Plessinger of Compton was in our town Saturday.

Wilson Courtwright of Erie is visiting his brother, Ed., this week.

P. M. Mason sold a load of horses in Amboy Wednesday, the 3rd.

By the way, E. L. King took his rations at the New Year dinner we expected him to be himself again in a few weeks.

T. Albright is able to be out again after his hard spell of sickness.

John Nellis of Viola was in town the first of the week.

Other buyers may come, but S. D. Frost gets the hogs, for he pays the top of the market.

On account of the cold weather the J. E. Burke dredge has shut down.

NELSON.

Jan. 4.—B. Carl and family move to Dixon last week.

J. W. Wadsworth will build a house on his farm north of Harmon when the cold weather ceases a little.

The Hymasters moved into their new house last week.

Bert Hartman was in Nelson township Tuesday.

Henry Grobe is visiting his sister that lives in Tennessee.

Rob Hanna of South Dixon was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. Smith went to Dixon Wednesday.

C. Jensen of Nelson was in South Dixon Tuesday.

Wadsworth Bros. are hauling stone for the new house from Lloyd's stone-quarry.

T. Moeller will soon move to Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna entertained George Gentzert and wife of Nelson township New Years Day.

SUBLETTE.

Jan. 4.—Our people who have ice-houses are at work filling them. The ice is about ten inches thick. The heavy rain a few weeks ago filled Bureau Creek and made possible the present ice harvest.

The mild weather of Thursday, enabled some of the old soldiers who live some distance from the village to come in and execute their pension vouchers.

Our former neighbors who recently removed to Tennessee, anticipating a much milder climate than we have, found the houses there enough poorer, to counterbalance the difference in temperature.

Supervisor Barth went to Grand Detour on Thursday to consult with others about the projected bridge over Rock River.

John Barton after a visit of six days returned to his work in Kentucky.

Ira MacLaren of Madison, Wisconsin, left here Tuesday evening.

Will the Building Committee having charge of the matter of building our new Court House provide a room for storing of relics of pioneer days? If so, an effort should be made to procure a portrait of Shabbona, the Indian chief, whose friendship for the white settlers, made possible the early settlement and development of our county.

Silas R. Angier, a native of this township and for years a recipient of the village, but now a Justice of the Peace in Streator, Illinois, spent a few days with his mother, brother and other relatives and called on other friends.

Miss Frank Walters and her two children, who went to Iowa a few months ago on account of the illness of her father-in-law, has returned and is again on duty at her millinery shop.

Miss Flora Brown after spending the holidays at home has returned to her school in Chicago. J. B. B.

Property Transferred.

Samuel S. Warley to Alexander N. Schmucker, 10 1/2 bk 5 Franklin Grove—\$1.

Alexander N. Schmucker to Earl F. Church, 110 1/2 S. Franklin Grove—\$1200.

Josiah Little to 1st National Bank Amboy, pt lot 8 b 3 Amboy—\$7,000.

Catherine E. Aschenbrenner to Abel F. Jeannet, pt nwg sec 7 pt nwg sec 6 pt 1 69 Peoples' add Lee Center—\$200.

Tryphena Shaw to John Ulrick, pt nwg sec 7 pt lots 78 and 82 Peoples' add Lee Center—\$1050.

Wm F. Weaver to Marcus H. Judd, qcd pt lot 1 b 19 North Dixon—\$5000.

Chas L. Pulver to J. W. Larrabee, lot 5 b 1 Rozee's add Pawpaw—

John D. Crabtree to Edw. Friel, qcd pt neq sec 23 pt pt nwg sec 24 East Grove—\$3000.

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The Judge's Affidavit.

Some years ago Justice of the Peace Beasley of Missouri was personally interested in a lawsuit, being a party thereto. It was necessary for him to make an affidavit, and he deprecated the idea of making it before another Justice or a notary and depriving himself of a fee. So he filled out his affidavit, swore to it before himself, signed it as Justice and as witness and awaited developments. He was sure that he would win and thus be able to tax the costs up to the other side.

When the case came up before Judge Kelley, the affidavit was offered in evidence and promptly objected to, the reason being given that a Justice could not swear himself.

"Let me see the affidavit," said Judge Kelley.

It was handed up to the judge, who scanned it carefully for a few moments and then asked:

"Mr. Beasley, will you kindly tell me how you appeared before yourself when you swore yourself and identified your own signature?"

"That was very easy, your honor," replied Beasley. "I borrowed a looking glass and went through the formalities before it."

Beasley was somewhat astonished when Judge Kelley sustained the objection.—Omaha World-Herald.

An Awful Mishap.

Two passengers on an Atlantic liner, one an American and the other an Englishman, did not exchange the farewell courtesies when the steamer reached her pier usual between voyagers who have occupied adjoining staterooms and hobnobbed during an ocean voyage. A plausible explanation was vouchsafed by the Americans.

During the voyage the Englishman persisted in fraternizing with the American in a most obtrusive and annoying manner. Within two days of Boston the Englishman one morning hunted up the American and found him in apparent despondency, gazing seaward from the hurricane deck.

"Confounded blue this morning, old chap. What's the matter?" And the Britisher slapped his companion on the back.

"Matter enough," growled the American. "Ship's lost; captain don't know which way to steer. Forgot to wind the compass last night."

The Englishman listened with mouth agape, then rushed off to tell his friends of the consequential mishap. Evidently the glib Britisher was "pushed along" for some time until he found everybody gazing him.—Boston Post.

He Knew Playfair.

The manager of the phosphate mine was a Scotchman, tall, big boned, with the strongest Glasgow Doric in his tongue. At first he was obdurate and desired us to leave the ground and to drop the specimens which we had taken before he appeared. At last I addressed him in good Scotch and asked him whether he thought I was a mining adventurer. "Aye, that's just what ye are."

"No," I replied, "I am a Scotch professor."

"Then, if ye are, ye'll be havin a name."

"My name," I said, "is Playfair."

"Man," said my Scotch friend, "are ye Lyon Playfair?"

I assured him I was, but expressed surprise that he knew the name, to which he replied, looking from his 6 feet 2 inches with compassion on my 5 feet 4 inches, "Hoot, mon, yer name's traveled farther than yer wee legs will ever carry ye."—Letters of Lyon Playfair.

Caught the Czar.

Peter the Great was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to the court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had incurred the czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The latter therefore presented himself before his imperial majesty to beg for a reprieve.

On seeing him approach, the czar, divining his errand, cried: "It is no good to come here. I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask."

Immediately the jester went down on his knees, saying, "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp cousin of mine to death."

The czar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the condemned man.—Columbian.

Have You the Gout?

The following cure for the gout is taken from an old work: First, the person must pick a handkerchief from the pocket of a maid of 50 years who has never had a wish to change her condition; second, he must wash it in an honest miller's pond; third, he must dry it on a parson's hedge who was never covetous; fourth, he must send it to a doctor who never killed a patient; fifth, he must mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client; sixth, apply to the part affected, and a cure will speedily follow.

Honest Boy.

"I am glad there are a few honest people left. Two years ago I sent a boy around the corner to buy a postal card. I have never seen the boy to this day."

"You don't call that boy honest?"

"Yes, sir. This morning I received a postal with this on the back: 'Dear Sir—Here is your postal. I started in business with the penny you gave me and have prospered. Thanks.'—Chicago News.

Kissing and Hugging Take Time.

It's all very well for you and Nellie and Emsie to unite in millions of hugs and kisses, but please consider the time it would occupy your poor old very busy uncle. Try hugging and kissing Emsie for a minute by the watch, and I don't think you'll manage it more than 12 hours a day.—Letter of Lewis Carroll.

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THE CHILD NUNS

THE HOLY FACED CONVENT AT MONTREAL

A Strange Religious Order Whose Members Sleep in Coffins—They Scourge Each Other Every Friday—"The Community Room"

"I thought I had seen everything in Montreal—all the convents and monasteries, almshouses, orphan asylums, churches and cathedrals. I had attended high mass in Notre Dame, and visited and been deeply impressed by the exquisite chapel behind its high altar, and I had turned away provoked at the good Bishop of Montreal as he held forth to his congregation against admitting Sunday newspapers to their homes, 'particulièrement celles de New York.' 'Is there anything more in the city I have not seen?' I asked a friend. 'Well, I think you have seen everything except the Holy Face Convent,' he replied. 'What is there interesting about it?' 'Only the fact that the mother superior is only twenty-three, and the other nuns little girls not more than fourteen or fifteen.'"

Convent a Dwelling.

When I reached the Holy Face Convent I found it a small, ordinary three-story Montreal dwelling. The door was opened by a child, dressed in nun's garb. I asked if this was the "Convent of the Holy Face?" "Mais oui, madame; entrez," and the little child stepped aside to allow me to pass into the bare, square hall of the house. She ushered me into a white-washed room, devoid of carpets or furniture, other than half a dozen chairs placed primly against the wall, and an uncovered deal table. In the walls were three or four pictures of religious subjects, most prominent among them one of the "Holy Face," intended to represent the imprint of the Saviour's features left on Veronica's napkin; a huge crucifix and a ghastly skull. In a few moments a quiet, gray-robed figure entered the room. In the world she would have been a pleasant faced Canadian maiden of twenty-two or twenty-three, but as she stood there with clasped hands she was a religious enthusiast. Everything earthly seemed eliminated from her nature, and I could only compare her to the shell of a woman. I explained that I was a stranger in the city, that I had been told about her convent and was very anxious to see it, if she would kindly show me all she could of it. I added this because I had found from experience that there was always some part of the building held sacred from outsiders' eyes. She murmured something about seeing the "Bon Pere" and obtaining his permission, and left her room.

"Le Bon Pere."

Presently "Le Bon Pere" entered, accompanied by the gray-robed nun. He was a short, thickset Canadian, with heavy features, large black eyes, clean shaven face, with very thick lips and very white teeth. His head was



At Prayer.

a trifle bald, but what hair remained was rather long, thick, black and curly. He wore a long soutane, with a button off here and there; no collar, and cuff bands but no cuffs. I again explained my desire to go over this convent, of which I had been told he was the superior, and finally he agreed to my request. His name was Dr. Lapaix, and in broken English he told me the history of the convent. The old French Canadian doctor had founded the convent in his house, where at the same time he kept up the practice of medicine.

The first members of his community were the five daughters of a couple whom he had known for years. The eldest of these girls when the institution was started was not more than eighteen years old. The girls are taught to lead a life of religious rigor, in which scourges, chains, coffins as beds and death heads as ornaments of their cells play the most prominent part, while, though they have a mother superior in the eldest sister, the doctor is the final arbiter of all questions that pertain to the management of the community. Dr. Lapaix gave me in the care of the young nun I had first seen, and who proved to be the mother superior of this strange community, and granted me the privilege of visiting the whole building.

Among the Child Nuns.

The community has fourteen members, the oldest of whom is twenty-four, the rest ranging from fourteen to eighteen. They seemed happy enough, if ringing laughter and merry voices bespoke happiness. It really seemed more like an orphan asylum than a convent.

Their ordinary dress was a gray

habit, girded around the waist by a rough hempen cord, from which depended on one side what was called "the scourge," but which was in reality an old fashioned cat-o'-nine-tails, and at the other a large rosary. At then eck was a narrow white collar, which ended in front in two square tabs. Each nun wore a hood of gray, coming down to the shoulders and turned back off the face. Under this was a tight fitting skull cap of white linen. On feast days and holy days the nuns don long crimson scapulas, which hang to the bottom of the skirt in front and upon which is painted the "holy face," and over their hoods are thrown crimson veils. I was shown the chapel, which has been fashioned



Administering Punishment.

out of a fairly large sized room, with benches around the sides. A little altar had been erected at one end of the room, which was dressed in true Canadian fashion, in crimson and gold, with quantities of candles and a very beautiful life sized statue of the Virgin Mary.

Coffins for Beds.

To the right of the chapel was the Doctor's cell, the principal article of furniture in which was a large coffin. This I learned was the Doctor's bed. Similar coffins according to the size of the different occupants, being the only beds provided for the inmates and the principal pieces of furniture in the fourteen narrow cells into which the third floor was divided. The Doctor's coffin had a small cushion at the top and a blanket, and the whole was covered with a black pall, ornamented with a large silver cross. I asked my guide if the nuns did not rather dread sleeping in coffins. She replied that at first it was a little greswome, but they soon became accustomed to it, and now they minded it so little she questioned whether they could sleep in any other bed.

Scourged Every Friday

Every Friday the nuns are scourged. My guide showed me two rings fastened in the wall of what was called "the community room," into which the hands are thrust after letting down the upper part of the habit and exposing the neck and shoulders. The nun to be scourged takes her place before the rings, in which her hands are placed, elevating them above her head, and one of the other nuns gives her a certain number of blows, while the rest of the sisters kneel in the room praying. "But who scourges the Doctor?" I asked. "Mais le Bon Pere, non; il n'y en a pas besoin!" exclaimed the sister, in horror at the mere suggestion of that holy man standing in need of any chastisement. A large garden is attached to the house, surrounded by a high wall. This is filled with trees, and in summer time with flowers. Benches were scattered around when I saw it, and a very artistic set of stations of the cross were appropriately placed among the trees. I spoke to several of the child nuns. They were very willing to talk, and told me how happy they were and how good le Bon Pere was. To all outward appearances they were perfectly satisfied with their lot.

South Pole Inaccessible to Man.

Still another earnest effort to approach the South Pole is about to be made by Dr. Erich von Drygalski, a young German savant, who is about to start with a thoroughly equipped expedition for the southern extremity of the earth. According to the Moderne Kunst, Dr. Drygalski is convinced that the South Pole itself cannot be reached by human beings, the obstacles in the icy waters of the south being much greater than those of the north. He is positive, however, that he will learn a great deal about the secrets of the Antarctic Ocean, and will penetrate it far enough to find the continent which some geographers believe to be there.

For any positive knowledge about this mysterious polar region, science is indebted to the English in the first place, and later to researches made by Frenchmen, Russians and Norwegians. The most successful southern expedition thus far was conducted by John Ross, an Englishman who, during the years 1840-1843, made three trips through those dangerous waters and forced his way as far as seventy-eight degrees south, and discovered the two famous volcanoes, Erebus and Terror, which, like wonders of Fairyland, loom up in the rigid icy desert. This was the furthest point south ever reached by human beings. The more favorable conditions in the north have permitted the reaching of a higher point there.

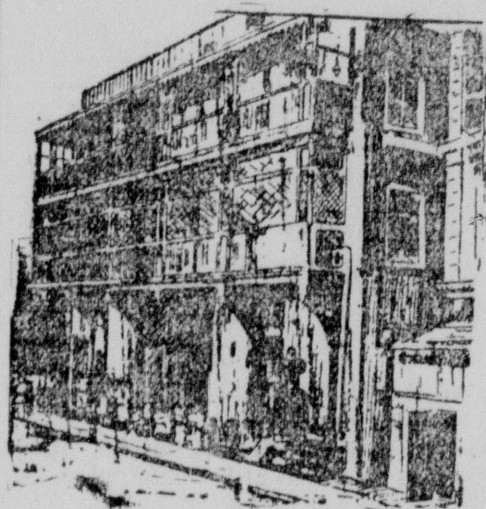
Dr. Drygalski made himself famous as leader of the Greenland expedition conducted by the Berlin Society in 1892 and 1893, when he contributed much to the science of Arctic geology. He is only thirty-two years old and has the world before him, but seems intent upon reaching the furthest corner of the earth.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE

ITS STEADILY WESTWARD MARCH HAS BECOME ALARMING.

Proper Sanitary Measures May Minimize the Dangers—In Calcutta and Bombay—French Precautions—Rats Help the Plague.

For five years steadily a real danger from Asia—the dreaded bubonic plague—has been approaching the shores of the United States. That the ocean is no barrier to the march of the plague was shown last week, when it was reported in South America, having made its appearance in Assunção, the capital of Paraguay. This is the same old "Black Plague" which aforetime was swept over Europe from the East—probably the identical disease which in the reign of Charles II. played such havoc in London. Bred in the Chinese quarter of Hong Kong, where the fifth of ages crawls down the step-like streets, the plague crept to Bombay, and from there has spread all over India, Arabia and Egypt, and numbered its victims by the hundreds of thousands. The disease made its way from India on a pilgrim steamer, landed at Jeddah and penetrated to the tomb of the Prophet at Mecca. The pilgrims to



Where the Plague Started.

Mecca carried the plague to Constantinople. It then appeared in Vienna, was suspected in Berlin and managed somehow to reach Oporto and Lisbon. To these latter places it came undoubtedly by ships from the Orient. Several times ships with cases of plague on board have arrived at English ports, but so far prompt isolation and thorough disinfection have prevented the disease from getting a foothold in Great Britain. Once let the germs of this disease get into the slums of Liverpool, London or New York and an epidemic in those cities is certain.

Writers are beginning to call attention to this advancing menace. An English writer says: "I do not want to pose as an alarmist, but I should say that it would not be long before it made its appearance in the slums of Hull or Liverpool, and possibly in those of London also. The fact is there is no keeping it out. The germ has been cultivated in circumstances far too favorable to give us much chance of doing successful battle with it abroad."

Steady Westward March.

Most people who have investigated the plague are hopeful that proper sanitary precautions will minimize the danger of an epidemic either in this country or in England; but the way the disease has marched steadily westward for the last few years, in spite of all efforts to check it, is beginning to make people a little nervous. All efforts to abate the disease in India have proved abortive, so much so that the Queen in her last speech from the throne made special allusion to the failure of medical skill and sanitation to check the plague in her Indian Empire. This disease which threatens Europe and America gained immense vigor in the waterside district of Bombay, where the phenomenally unsanitary condition of the native quarter gave it every possible chance for developing. There is no doubt that it was brought to Bombay from Hong Kong, but there is a disagreement as to how and when it came. Some say it was brought by a regiment of British troops; others say by sailors; still others believe that rats, sick with the plague, came in ships from Hong Kong, and inoculated other rats along the Bombay waterside. However, it got there, there it is, and there it seems to be reaching out to poison the world. When the plague first appeared in Bombay the authorities shut their eyes to its presence, and a paper sent by a medical society to the City Council was not allowed to be read. A large number of the 900,000 inhabitants of Bombay live in tenement houses where they are huddled together like sheep. These buildings are crowded together with narrow, dark alleys between, and into these alleys is thrown all sorts of refuse. In some parts of the city refuse of the most offensive kind is carried through the streets in pails by scavengers and thrown into sewer openings. Strange to say, these scavengers do not take the plague, and seem to be immune from most other contagious diseases.

In Calcutta.

In Calcutta things are as insanitary as in Bombay, and the death rate in some of the blocks of the native quarters averaged in 1898 as high as 63 a thousand for adults, and the infant mortality reached the enormous percentage of 677 for every 1,000 births. In such a city as this the plague finds a congenial place for its vigorous growth. It would seem that the European and American are not as liable to take the plague as Asiatics or negroes, but still are susceptible enough to make its appearance in Europe or America a grave affair.

When it became evident that the

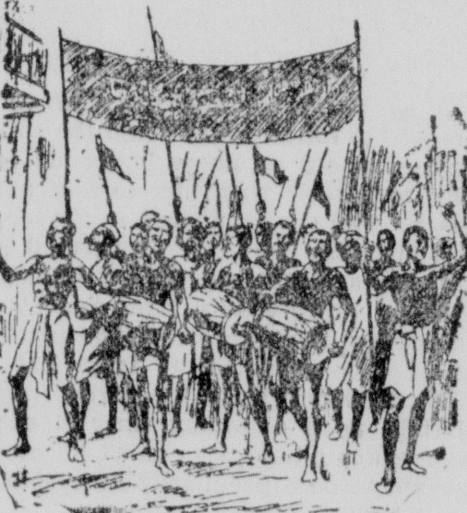
plague was marching westward, about two years ago, a sanitary convention of representatives of the civilized nations was held at Venice, and rules and regulations formulated to the keeping of the scourge out of Europe, if possible.

In spite of all precautions, however, the plague, apparently is spreading in various directions. Europe is threatened from several sides. At Oporto forty-nine cases occurred between June 4 and August 21, of which number sixteen terminated fatally. The Government decided to isolate the city by means of a sanitary cordon. Dr. Jorge, the Director of the Bacteriological Institute at Oporto, has become the object of popular disapproval because he had the courage to assert that the plague existed in the city when the authorities wished to conceal its presence. A mob gathered near his house and was dispersed only by active efforts of the police, and he was assaulted by a member of the Chamber of Deputies. The disease was brought to Oporto from India on a ship loaded with rice. It is reported that several cases of plague have occurred at Palermo and at Naples, and it is believed to have broken out in the Government of Samara in Russia. Several cases of suspected plague have occurred at Magde, a short distance from Lourenço Marques, Delagoa Bay. There is little danger of the disease being brought to New York from Oporto by immigrants or in cargo, but if it is true that rats are active in the spread of the disease, there would probably be some danger in allowing a vessel from an infected port to dock in New York, even if there were no cases of the disease among either passengers or crew at the time of arrival.

French Precautions.

The Public Health Committee of France, in view of the increasing belief that rats carry the plague from port to port, has drawn up stringent regulations, which have been put into effect at all French ports. In the lazarets all openings are to be closed or fenced carefully with suitable protections, such as metallic screens. The lazarets are to be provided with a sufficient supply of wire gauze and funnel-shaped guards for the moorings and ropes of vessels lying at the wharf. On board the vessels poison and traps will be laid down to destroy the rats and mice, and their carcasses will be burned immediately. For their destruction in inaccessible places recourse will be had to sulphurous acid in the proportion of forty grammes to each cubic meter of air.

In all countries this persistency of the plague is causing some uneasiness to medical men, and all nations are taking extra precautions to protect their borders. In Egypt the disease seems to have gained a firm foothold, and in this connection Dr. W. J. Simpson, professor of hygiene in King's College, London, says in the Lancet: "The European governments being alarmed at the outbreak in Bombay, the Venice conference was called to formulate rules and regulations for commerce and pilgrim traffic, having for their object the prevention of the importation of plague more particularly into Egypt and Europe, as well as into other countries east of the Suez Canal. The rules and regulations have now been in force two years, and in that time, notwithstanding a most rigid adherence on the part of all concerned to the recommendations of the convention, plague has reached the Persian Gulf, Penang, the Mauritius, the French island of Reunion, Mada-



Health Laws.

gascar, Jeddah, Egypt, and, if rumor is correct, the Gold Coast of the French possessions in West Africa, and now Portugal, and this extension has happened though the rules were formulated according to the most advanced knowledge on the subject and by the most eminent representatives of the Powers.

The reappearance of plague in Egypt, after an absence of fifty years, with its extension to Portugal, is a matter of profound interest, because it indicates that this plague from China parades rather of the nature of a pandemic than an epidemic, and possesses that which other plague epidemics for nearly the past 200 years have lacked, viz., the quality of diffusiveness which defies the precautions hitherto employed against its progress. This is a feature which contrasts strongly with the spontaneous self-limitation of most of the plague epidemics of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

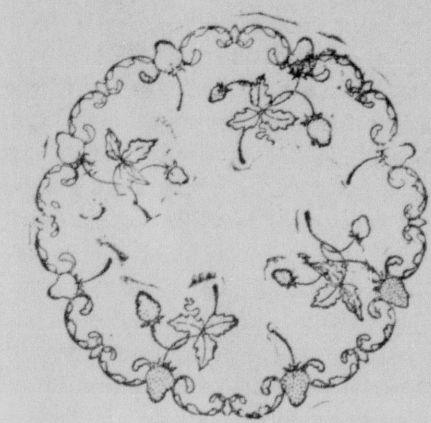
In American Cities.

In American cities it would be possible to carry out systems of sanitation which are not possible in India, and medical authorities do not fear that the plague will get any hold here, even if it arrives. Yet the steady march from Hong Kong westward, in defiance of all precautions and all safeguards which have been set up in the path of the disease, is a fact which cannot be overlooked, and which is causing more or less anxiety.

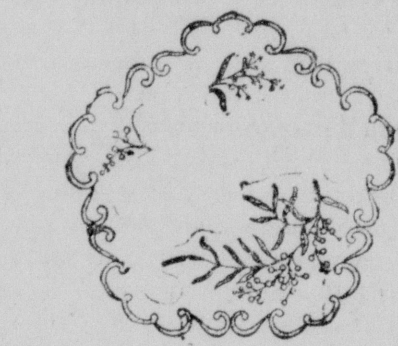
MAKE THE TABLE BEAUTIFUL

By Using Choice Bits of Embroidery, Used as Centrepieces and Dollies.

There is nothing that will give a greater air of refinement to a table than handsome table linen, and when this is supplemented with choice bits of embroidery, used as centrepieces and dollies, it is an appropriate foundation for rich china and cut glass.

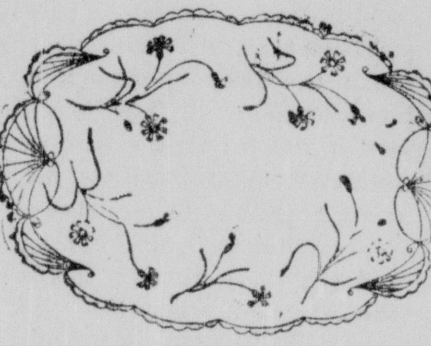


With any pronounced color in the china set, great care should be taken that the coloring in the embroidery harmonizes with the china, else an incongruous effect will result. The soft, delicate tints, in many of the French Haviland sets, will combine well with almost any color, and are particularly



desirable for this reason. All white embroidery is used much more than formerly, perhaps for reason that it may be put with any kind of china, even of the most pronounced style.

The blue corn flower is a simple blossom easily worked, and a great favorite with needle workers because of its beautiful coloring.



The strawberry is a great favorite with needle workers, and this graceful design will be found very pleasing. The scallops should be worked in white.

This is a graceful design of the California red pepper berry; it is very effective when worked, and makes a handsome table set.

WOMANLY WORK.

Suggestions and Facts for the Ladies—Plants for the Family Table.

Every housewife should at least grow one plant through the winter to be used for table decoration, even if nothing else in the way of a window garden is attempted.

There is nothing more beautiful than ferns for this purpose, and the florist will fill for you a six-inch fern pot for about fifty cents, with the hardy varieties that with care will last you all through the winter.

These fern pots are only the common, shallow earthen pots that florists make a specialty of for ferns and which they provide with the ferns.

Many people send to them a china or silver pot belonging to the jardiniere to be filled, but the ferns will not thrive as well in them as in the porous pot, which may be put into the jardiniere in place of the one with which it is provided.

Do not have even a root of the maiden-hair fern among the others; it is tempting because of its delicate beauty, but it will seldom thrive in the atmosphere of the living rooms, and the leaves will soon curl up and wither, and the plant must be removed, or there will be an unsightly patch among the green of the other ferns.

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The Cooking of Hominy.

To cook large hominy, wash and add twice its depth of cold water; cover and let it cook very slowly for seven or eight hours; as the water boils away, add from the tea-kettle; when tender, add salt to taste, and when the water is absorbed, serve. Small hominy requires from one to two hours. To prepare the cold large hominy for breakfast: Drop a bit of butter in a small, deep frying-pan; when hot fill it evenly with hominy, let it heat and brown; serve upside down on a platter. The small hominy may be sliced and browned.

WHAT THIS MAN SAYS.

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The Dixon reader is asked to thoroughly investigate the following. This can readily be done, as the gentleman whose statement is published below will be only too pleased to give minute particulars to anyone enquiring, not out of idle curiosity, but if the enquirer really suffers from any of the consequences which always attend weakened or inactive kidneys. Read carefully what Mr. Evans of 724 Broadway, who is Ex-City Treasurer of Sterling, Illinois, has to say:

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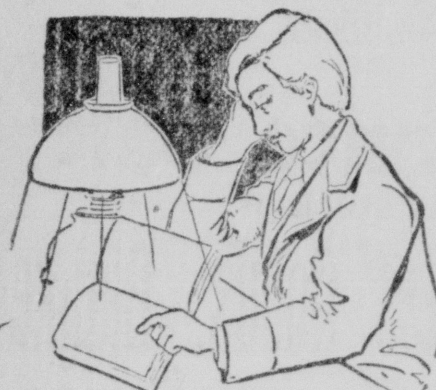
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BEFORE THE DAY.

We awakened at the dawning, but we never saw the day.
And we spoke our little prologue, but we never reached the play.
Oh! our love was sweet and certain till gray Sorrow dropt the curtain.
Ay, we awakened at the dawning, but we never saw the day.

There were buds within our garden, but they never came to flower.
There were birds among our bushes, but they only sang an hour.
And we laughed to see the swallow, but the summer did not follow.
There were buds within our garden, but they never came to flower.

'Tis a garment white and silken, 'tis a white and misty veil.
'Tis a pair of little slippers—O dear love!—so white and frail.
Is the manhood in me dying that I'm sitting here and crying
O'er a garment and a slipper and a never-opened veil?

Dear, the world is empty—empty as the gemless golden band.
The token I had fingered and that never found your hand.
They've been telling me the story of an everlasting glory.
But you were the only preacher I could ever understand.

Ah, we awakened at the dawning, but we never saw the day.
And we spoke our little prologue, but we never reached the play.
But our love was sweet and certain till gray Sorrow dropt the curtain.
Hark! a single bell is calling, and this should have been the day.
—Chamber's Journal.

AN ACTRESS' TRIUMPH.

The marchesa Capranica Del Grillo, (Ristori) was the greatest actress of the Italian school, not only, but she was, as well, the most beautiful woman of her day.

Her hair was dark as night. Her wonderful eyes so large and brilliant that they reflected every passion of her dramatic soul, while her every movement was eloquent with a natural dignity that proclaimed her a queen of tragedy. In the fury of emotion she was simply sublime.

Lige Rachel, her great rival, she possessed a special art of identifying herself with the personages she represented whether it was the guilty Myrrha, appalled at her own sin, the naughty Elizabeth, the unfortunate Marie Antoinette, the pathetic Stuart, the piteous Pia del Tolonei, done to death in the poisonous Maremma, or the di Rimini of Dante, whose constancy and love comes to us from another world.

Who that ever saw her, at the height of her success as Medea in a peplum of pale blue her dark tresses floating in clouds about her lovely classic head her lustrous eyes flashing with fury, her whole figure eloquent with despair, could ever forget her as she seized the cowardly Jason, about to wed her rival Creusa by the shoulders and hissed into his ear the words—"complici siamo!"

There was a look, a gesture to illustrate a whole history. No syllable of explanation was needed; all details were therein embodied to be grasped instantaneously by her audience.

Adelaide Ristori (how well I, as a child then, recall her) may be said to have been born upon the stage. Her parents were both actors, and her earliest triumphs were gained, when almost a child, she represented the principal parts (in perambulating companies) to the great astonishment of the audience and her fellow actors.

One of the most romantic of attachments broke in upon these artistic triumphs, when Giuliano del Grillo, Marquis and Patrician of Rome, fell violently in love with the young actress. His suit was opposed by both families on account of Adelaide's extreme youth and there is a story of his confinement in a tower in the Maremma, and of many moving chances by field and flood while she was gathering fresh laurels on the stage, a further appeal to hitherto obdurate parents and a final union in a marriage which resulted in a perfect, unalloyed happiness, lasting half a century, never diminishing, never waning in its romantic sentiment.

For a time the scenes of theatrical triumph paled in the light of extreme domestic bliss, but the dramatic instinct, the genius within her, reasserted itself, especially when the new Marchesa found herself in the midst of enthusiastic congratulations from Legouve and Scribe, at the Theatre Vendôme in Paris.

After the compliment d'usage, Legouve abruptly asked:
"Why, Madame, will you not play my Medea?"

It will be interesting to note here that Medea had been written for Rachel who, for some unexplained reason, would not appear in it.

"For an excellent reason, Monsieur," replied Ristori; "I am so fond of children, that, even upon the stage it would be utterly impossible for me to appear to take the life of one. In Italy I have been requested again and again to act in Medea, but for this reason would never consent."

"But," insisted Legouve, "my Medea, Madame, kills her children in a manner which exonerates her from the crime; besides the public sees nothing of the act itself."

"Pardon me, dear Monsieur Legouve, I can never believe that the public should not revolt at such a crime."

"I assure you, Madame, it is not so with me, only do me the honor to read my play, and you will become convinced."

"I should be sorry," returned the Marchesa, "to be so wanting in courtesy as to refuse to do so, but you must be persuaded beforehand of my inability to add Medea to my repertoire."

"Very well, Madame, read my play; it is all I ask."

Ristori attached to this conversation so little importance, and so convinced was she that nothing would induce her to appear to kill two children upon the stage, that she carelessly took up the

manuscript one day while her maid was brushing her hair, and so great was her surprise at Legouve's treatment of the subject, that she found herself gesticulating and declaiming as if acting it upon the stage.

"Oh, Signora, Signora, what is the matter?" exclaimed the cameriera, "am I hurting you so much then?"

"No, no, child, do not mind me, go on."

She discovered that Legouve had managed to make the murder appear a necessity. Persecuted by the Corinthians who desired to give Jason's children to his new Greek wife, Creusa, Medea places them upon the altar of the infernal god, and, to save them from violence, sacrifices them and also herself.

Ristori was fascinated by the treatment of the subject, and not only decided to present it in Paris, but it became one of her greatest successes, perhaps her greatest, because, in a part of such sustained passion, all possibility of conventionality was, perforce, excluded.

In 1857 Ristori was playing in Madrid at the Zarguelo theatre. The play was to be Maria Stuart. She stood attired in the eol and black robe of the unhappy Queen, surrounded by members of the first Hidalgos of Spain, who had assembled behind the scenes to do her honor.

"Tell me," she commanded, turning to the Duque, a well known enthusiast in all matters dramatic, "what was the meaning of that bell I heard ringing through the streets of Madrid by a religious confraternity?"

"It was," replied the Duque, "for the purpose of collecting funds for masses for the soul of the unfortunate Chapado who will be executed to-morrow; he was a soldier, who in a fit of passion struck at his sergeant with his sabre. Military law is concise, and Michele Chapado will be shot at daybreak to-morrow."

Ristori seemed turned to stone.

"But Signor Duque, is there no means of saving this unhappy man?" she asked.

"Yes, the Queen's full pardon, otherwise the law must take its course. Life and death are in the hands of the Queen. She can save him. Were you, so illustrious a stranger, to request it of her, perhaps, she might grant it as a favor; but all others have failed."

Ristori stood speechless, and almost paralyzed, utterly forgetful of her surroundings and of the triumphs that even then awaited her. Dared she, alone and unaided, an actress, take such a liberty?

She was fully aware that Narvaez, the Prime Minister, was implacable and cold. He was at that moment present in the theatre. She could see his stern and severe countenance through the parting of the curtains. Would he listen to her?

Every vestige of color left her face, and she trembled in every limb from the excitement of the undertaking she had determined to attempt, but her courage was invincible. Turning to a servant she commanded—

"Go and request the Minister Duque Narvaez to do me the honor to speak for a moment with the Marchesa Capranica del Grillo behind the scenes."

A few minutes after the departure of the messenger, Narvaez was announced, obeying the summons at once with the courtesy of a Spaniard.

To him Ristori addressed herself in behalf of the unhappy Chapado.

Narvaez listened with the politest attention until she had finished and then he replied:

"Impossible, Madame. It is impossible to grant a pardon; an example must be made. I, myself, entreated the Queen to refuse when her tender heart dictated the desire to grant pardon. This was at the municipality of Madrid; what reason, therefore, can I give her Majesty for my change of opinion?"

His words were uttered with all the severity that his face indicated, yet, in spite of all, there was a something in his manner that encouraged Ristori to still persevere.

The entreaties of a beautiful woman have always great influence, and the illustrious actress had a great command of language. Her beauty, enforcing her words, were not without effect upon the Prime Minister.

"Well, Madame," he remarked at length, "you must have your desire. I cannot yield, but you yourself may request an audience of the Queen. Plead the cause of the unhappy man before her. Her Majesty will at once fall back upon the pledge she has given me, to refuse in justice to the laws. If she does, then send for me; we shall see."

The Queen was seated in the royal box. At the close of the second act of the play Ristori requested an audience, which was granted.

Upon entering the box, she cast herself at her Majesty's feet, clasping her knees, kissing her hands, and uttering broken phrases of supplication for the pardon of Chapado. Queen Isabella listened to her smilingly, then—

"I desire nothing better," she said. "Send at once for the Minister," she commanded.

Narvaez arriving, he immediately expressed his willingness to consent. Chapado was saved! His pardon was signed by Queen Isabella herself, and, with the documents in her hand, Ristori left the royal box, overcome with her success.

The entire audience, who had been made aware of what was transpiring, rose en masse as she appeared upon the stage, and the Queen of tragedy received then and there an ovation such as passionate Spaniards, only, can give.

Heartless Husband's Repartee.

Mrs. Wallace—Oh, I had an awful time in the country. A bull chased me clear across the field. The farmer's wife told me that it was my red hat and parasol that angered him.

Mr. Wallace—That is strange. He was not the one who had to pay for them.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No Fear When Death Draws Nigh.

"I have seen thousands of persons die under all sorts of circumstances, and never yet have I seen one display the slightest fear of death." This remarkable statement was made the other day by a physician who has practiced many years in Philadelphia and who has seen a great deal of hospital service.

"It is a popular fallacy," he went on, "to imagine that a deathbed scene is ever terrible other than as a parting between loved ones. The fear of the unknown is never present at the last. Even amid ignorance and vice I have never experienced such scenes as a novelist who strives after realism will sometimes picture.

"When a patient is told that he cannot recover and the end is near, he invariably seems resigned to his fate, and his only thought seems to be of those who are to be left behind. This is true alike of men and women.

"Those who become hysterical and declare they are not fit to die are the ones who are not as ill as they think they are. They always get well.

"A psychological reason? Oh, I don't know that there is any. It's just a human trait."—Philadelphia Record.

A Composite Name.

"One of the differences between the east and the northwest," said a Puget sounder, "is the names of places, and the Skikomishes, the Snohomishes, the Snoqualmies, the Waukiakums and the lot of them give a man funny feelings, and when he runs across Bucoda, on the Northern Pacific railroad in Pierce county, Wash., he doesn't know whether it is Chinook or Siwash or what. But it is none of them—like Kenova, in West Virginia, which is near the junction of Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia, or Delmar, where Delaware and Maryland come together.

"Bucoda is a composite name, and its story is simple enough. When the Northern Pacific came in, a town sprang up, and it must have a name. There were Indian names in plenty, but something more novel was wanted, so Messrs. Buckley, Coulter and Davis, all N. P. officials, put their heads together first and their names later, and the name Bu-co-da was evolved, with an etymology very apparent to any one who is at all informed in terminology. Bucoda it has remained, and it is not half bad as names go in the Puget sound country."—New York Sun.

The Peculiar Jains.

Ernest M. Bowden in The Nineteenth Century reports a chat with Raja Sivaprasad on Jainism. The Jains pay more regard to the feelings of the lower animals than any other sect in the world; will not kill them or injure them; are careful to avoid destroying even insects, sometimes wearing a handkerchief over the mouth to prevent any living creature being breathed in. It may be argued that this tenderness will prove in the long run fatal to its possessors, handicapping them seriously in the struggle for life with less scrupulous rivals. As evidence to the contrary Mr. Bowden points to the Jains:

"Notwithstanding the opposition, if not active persecutions, of bygone times, the one small sect which, more than any other in the world, has taught and practiced the doctrine of 'ahimsa,' or 'noninjury,' to living creatures, stands today, after some four and twenty centuries, by far the most prosperous community in a population verging on 300,000,000."

Weapons of the Skunk.

A skunk once challenged a lion to single combat. The lion promptly declined the honor. "Why," said the skunk, "are you afraid?" "Very much so," said the lion, "for you would only gain fame for having the honor to fight with a lion, while every one who met me for a month would know I had been in company with a skunk."

This reminds us of the story about Henry Ward Beecher's father, the famous Dr. Lyman Beecher, who, when asked why he did not reply to somebody who had severely attacked him in a newspaper, replied that when a young man, crossing a field one night with an armful of books, he saw a small animal and after hurling several volumes at the animal found he got the worst of it, and ever since had thought it better to let such animals alone.—Our Dumb Animals.

And the Minister Smiled.

The York (Me.) Transcript says that a Portland minister recently called upon one of the families in his parish. He ascended the steps and knocked at the door. Receiving no response, he was about to depart when he heard a window in the next house open and a woman's voice say, "Mrs. Smith, the minister's at your door."

What was the pastor's surprise and amusement when he caught Mrs. Smith's response wafted gently around the corner of the house, "Sh, don't you s'pose I know it?"

The next Sunday after service Mrs. Smith met her pastor and expressed her sorrow that she was away when he had called.

A Bright Jeweler.

A gentleman tells the following joke on a jeweler: A young man who was on the verge of matrimony went to the jeweler and bought a ring and left instructions that in it be engraved the legend, "From A to Z," which, being interpreted, meant from Anthony to Zenobia. To his astonishment, on calling for the ring the next day he found it engraved like an Egyptian obelisk and on closer examination found that the jeweler had put the whole alphabet "from A to Z" on it.

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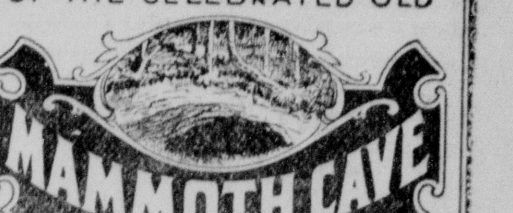
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THE WEATHER.

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WEATHER REPORT.

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—Good Templars meet tonight.

—City council meeting tonight.

—John McWilliams is up from Harmon.

—Prof. Bullard is home from Springfield.

—Dorothy Chapter, O. E. S., meets tonight.

—Royal Jones joined the Woodmen last night.

—Mrs. William Welsch of Palmyra is quite ill.

—Miss Della Miller has been visiting in Pawpaw.

—The Dixon Drum Corps will meet this evening.

Charles Miller is out after a three weeks illness.

—Forest Home Lodge, A. O. U. W., meets tonight.

—Miss Corinne Sheldon is here from Sterling today.

—Hugh McVey of Marion township is in town today.

—Benevolent Camp, No. 841, M. W. A., meets tonight.

—Attend S. of V. fair and dance at opera house tonight.

—Walter Phillips was here this week from Belvidere.

—Geo. E. Shields and Carl Backus went west this afternoon.

—John McBride is quite ill at his home on East Fifth street.

—G. Beck returned yesterday from a visit with his aunt in Peoria.

—Mrs. W. J. McAlpine is expected home this evening from Chicago.

—Mrs. Samuel Watson has returned to her home at Fremont, Nebraska.

—Advertisements changed this evening: Ford's Shoe Store; J. H. Morris.

—Do not forget the entertainment and supper at Sugar Grove church tonight.

—Miss Ella M. Loftus, teacher, has returned from a vacation visit at Champaign.

—Miss Anna Delaney is home after a week's visit with relatives in Spring Valley.

—Remember the advertised sheet music sale at the Dixon Music Co. store tomorrow.

—This nice weather is developing E. L. Kling's musical ear. He says he heard a robin sing.

—Lost, on the river just north of the island a valuable skate. Finder please leave at this office.

—The executive board of the Woman's Club will meet tomorrow at the club rooms at 2:30 p. m.

—Mrs. Tucker, who has been visiting her relatives in Morrison during the holidays, is home again.

—Thomas Carratt, 70 years of age, a well known citizen of Rockford, died there yesterday of pneumonia.

—Mesdames D. J. Wetherbee and J. H. Bachman of the Kingdom were guests of Mesdames Bickenback and Heckman, Thursday.

—Alvin Wells, a member of Co. C, 1st Illinois Inf. in the war of the rebellion, died Dec. 31 at his home in Seward, Winnebago Co.

—Miss Gratia Rogers has returned to her duties at St. Mary's Hall, Fairbault, Minnesota, after visiting at her home during the holidays.

—Miss Bristol will leave the hospital tomorrow for her home in Amboy. She has recovered nicely from an operation performed by Dr. Robbins.

—At the card party given last night by Misses Hazel Noble, Irma Barber and Hazel Barbour at Miss Noble's home, prizes were won by Miss Mary Woodbridge and Carl Lennon.

—Mrs. Woodbridge and family have returned from their annual family reunion at the home of J. R. Woodbridge in Evanston. They were accompanied by Mrs. Buckbee of Owego, N. Y.

—On New Years evening at Pawpaw about fifty relatives and friends met at the home of Richard Bend in that town to witness the wedding of his niece, Miss Anna Kittle to Mr. George Chapman.

—Miss Mary A. Krug and Clifford G. Luckey, both of Ashton were on New Years day married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Krug. There were about 50 friends present and many beautiful presents were received by the happy couple.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Sliaver are being driven around our city by Robert Anderson in search of a residence and will probably remain with us the remainder of their days; at least this is the wish of their many friends who are glad to welcome their return from Mississippi.

—Albert Stall, the keeper of the Poplar Grove hotel, went to Belvidere last Tuesday night in a passenger coach and came near going back in a hearse. At the hotel in Belvidere he accidentally turned on a stream of gas in his bed room after he had turned out the flame. It took several hours to arouse him in the morning.

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"When you have mastered the gentle art of winking," said Lord Beaconsfield, "you hold the key to success in your hands."

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"Not if It Were My Boy."

Some years ago the late Horace Mann, the eminent educator, delivered an address at the opening of some reformatory institution for boys, during which he remarked that if only one boy was saved from ruin it would pay for all the cost and care and labor of establishing such an institution as that. After the exercises had closed, in private conversation, a gentleman rallied Mr. Mann upon his statement and said to him:

"Did you not color that a little when you said that all that expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved one boy?"

"Not if it were my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply.

Bismarck's Appetite.

Among other amusing reminiscences of the late Prince Bismarck appearing in Herr John Booth's "Memoirs of the Iron Chancellor" is one relating to the latter's gargantuan capacity for eating and drinking. He told the author that the largest number of oysters he ever ate was 175. He first ordered 25; then, as they were very good, 50 more; and, consuming these, determined to eat nothing else and ordered another hundred, to the great amusement of those present. Bismarck was then 26 and had just returned from England.

Experience Versus Arithmetic.

Teacher—Johnny may stand up to recite. Now, Johnny, suppose I borrow \$50 from your father and agree to pay \$5 a week, how long will it be before he gets his money?

Johnny—Just one week.

Teacher—Oh, think again; that's not right!

Johnny—Yes, it is. I know my father. He'd have you up in the courts by that time.—New York World.

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